

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 544

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A RESOLUTION to commend and congratulate Elizabeth Graham Pistole, Miss Tennessee USA 2021.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those emerging community leaders who strive to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens while bringing beauty, grace, and purpose to all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Elizabeth Graham Pistole, who was recently crowned Miss Tennessee USA 2021, a most befitting honor, as it recognizes her dedication to excellence and her devotion to serving her community; and

WHEREAS, a native of Franklin, Ms. Pistole currently attends the University of Alabama (UA), where she maintains a 4.0 grade point average while pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management and a master's degree in marketing; and

WHEREAS, while at UA, Elizabeth Pistole has served as the Student Government Association's Executive Vice President's Director of Communication and Director of Logistics for the Vice President of Financial Affairs, Director of Halftime & Reception for the Homecoming Executive Committee, Chairman of Committees for the Miss University of Alabama pageant, and a member of the Alpha Zeta chapter of Phi Mu fraternity, which she has served as Ritual Chairman and Professional Development Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, she has also participated in the UA Faculty Scholar Program and the Alpha Tau chapter of Lambda Sigma Honor Society; she was named the Order of Omega's Most Outstanding Freshman in 2019, has frequently appeared on the President's List, and is a member of the university's Elliot Society, and

WHEREAS, a woman of great vision and initiative, Elizabeth Pistole is the founder and president of Dancing Divas and Dudes, which she began in 2014; the organization currently has offices in Nashville and Tuscaloosa, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, her community involvement includes volunteering with Best Buddies and serving on the Development Committee for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament held by Angels in Disguise; and

WHEREAS, often duly honored for her service to her community, Ms. Pistole is the recipient of Tennessee's Most Promising Young Leader Award for 2019 and was the 2021 Nashville Youth Honoree for the Governor's Volunteer Stars award; and

WHEREAS, among Elizabeth Pistole's noteworthy accomplishments, she has given a TED Talk and is a certified scuba diver; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pistole is one of Tennessee's most noteworthy citizens, and it is most fitting that we honor her at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend and congratulate Elizabeth Graham Pistole upon being crowned Miss Tennessee USA 2021, extending our best wishes to her during her reign and wishing her much success as she represents Tennessee in the Miss USA pageant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.